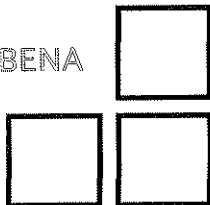


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## The Blenman Elm Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Blenman Elm Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 42092, Tucson, Arizona 85733

Fall 2005

All residents of the Blenman Elm Neighborhood are invited to attend:  
**GENERAL MEETING of the BLENMAN ELM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday November 9, 7:00 PM

Blenman Elementary School Cafeteria

1695 N. Country Club (at Elm St.)

The entrance is on the west side of the building facing Bentley St.

### ***The Davis Monthan Noise Abatement Brief***

presented by **Colonel Scott Hines, 355<sup>th</sup> Wing USAF**

Other topics: Election of BENA Board for 2005-06, neighborhood issues

Refreshments and social time

### **Davis Monthan Aircraft Issues**

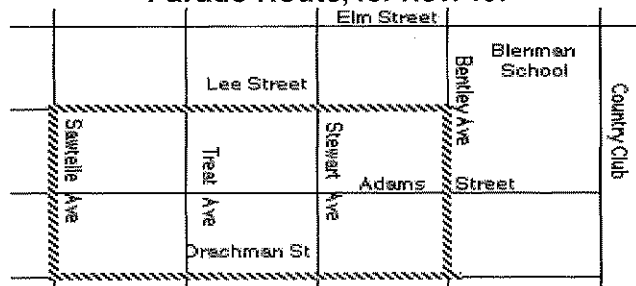
Come to the BENA Annual Meeting on Wednesday November 9 at 7:00 PM for a presentation by Col. Scott Hines, Inspector General for the Air Force 355<sup>th</sup> Wing at Davis Monthan. Col. Hines will bring us the Davis Monthan Noise Abatement Brief and will be discussing the efforts of the base to deal with the current hot button issue of aircraft noise. Come learn who is doing what in the air space over our city. We expect about a half hour presentation followed by questions and answers. Because this will be a longer presentation than many of our past years' annual meeting programs, we will start promptly to leave time afterwards for the election of a new BENA Board of Directors and discussion of other neighborhood issues.

### **Neighborhood Parade and Potluck Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

We will hold our second annual Fall Parade and Potluck. All are welcome to attend the parade, either as lawn chair or curb side observers, or as participants. If you want to join in the fun and show off your artistic skills then bring the baby stroller, wheel chair, bike, tricycle or wagon. If you play an instrument, like being silly or just like singing in public at the top of your lungs then show up as well. No motorized vehicles or dogs. We will offer prizes for the categories of: Best on Four Wheels, Best on Two Wheels, Best on Foot, Most Traditional. If you plan on joining the parade, then show up a half hour early (11:30AM) on Bentley St., next to Blenman Elementary School. The school is on the southwest corner of Country Club and Pima/Elm. Around 2 PM there will be games that include a sack race and a slow (not fast!) bike race. We'll also have a book sale, mostly children's books. The event is sponsored by the Blenman Elementary School PTA and the Blenman Elm Neighborhood Association. Contact Sonya Norman at 795-2622 for further information.

Route: Two block south on Bentley St., three blocks west on Drachman St., two blocks north on Sawtelle St., three blocks east on Lee St.

#### **Parade Route, for Nov. 19:**



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## John Churchill Award

After John Churchill, BENA board president from 1992 to 2000 retired, the BENA Board, under the leadership of then incoming president Ken Goodman, started the John Churchill Award. Each year the Board picks a recipient who has given great service to our neighborhood and community.

At its September meeting the Blenman Elm Neighborhood Association Board honored Ken Goodman with the 2005 John Churchill Award for outstanding service to the community. The award is represented by an engraved heavy glass mountain profile with inscription and date. It is with great regret that Ken will be leaving the presidency of the board with the election of the new board at the Annual Meeting on November 9. Ken has sold his house and moved from the neighborhood, but still owns property in BENA. Ken has ably lead the board since the fall of 2000, having served on the board for at least 10 years prior. We will miss his wise council and fighting spirit and devotion to UA Men's Basketball. Ken has organized the annual spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection since our first collection in April 1996. He has said that he will continue to help BENA with that effort.

Thank you Ken. -A. Roe

## Weeds Weeds Weeds

City of Tucson has a weed ordinance. We are responsible for keeping our weeds cut and cleaned up on our properties and the City right of way adjacent to our properties. Dry weeds can be a fire hazard besides being unsightly. After our wonderful summer rains, please take the time to clean up your property including the street frontage and on your side of your alley.

Renters, please be aware that some landlords request that you take care of the yard work. If you do not want to or cannot clean up your yard, why not check with a neighbor whose yard is tidy for a reference on who might be willing to do the job.

## Overhanging Tree Hazards

We have some wonderfully shady streets in our neighborhood. After such good rains this summer some of these trees that overhang the street have become a hazard to bicyclists, especially at night. Trees overhanging the sidewalk right of way and the street need to be trimmed to maintain passage way. Please trim your trees up and away from the street and sidewalk to keep the bicyclists and pedestrians safe. Your neighbors will also appreciate that their vehicles are not side-swiped by branches overhanging the street.

## Interested in Rainwater Harvesting??

Some BENA Neighbors are applying for a ProNeighborhoods grant to learn how to collect rainwater and install a cistern. If you are interested in participating, call Lynne at 325-7822.

## Memorial for Susann Salmon

The BENA Board is placing a bench at the Adams St. well site (east of Treat) to honor the memory of Susann Salmon, the little girl who was killed last year in the traffic accident on Tucson Blvd. just north of Elm St. There will be a plaque on the bench with her name so we all can remember a beautiful and much loved child who died in the accident in the center of our neighborhood.

## Blenman Elm Neighbors Care Alliance

The BENCA program is helping some senior neighbors with some transportation and friendly support. The program goal is to keep our senior residents able to live independently as long as possible. If you wish to volunteer or are a senior with needs please call BENCA program coordinators Paula at 784-0760 or Mary at 795-5228.

## Graffiti

Graffiti is a blight on our neighborhood. If you cannot remove or paint over the graffiti yourself from your property, or it is on public property, call the Graffiti Abatement Hot Line 624-7833 to leave a report on the location and type of surface. *Goof Off* is a solvent product that lifts the graffiti off of road signs, metal light poles and smooth surfaces. As a strong solvent, though, it will remove the paint off Stop Signs if you scrub too hard.

## Brush and Bulky

City provides Brush and Bulky pick up twice a year for residents. Our usual months are February and August. The 2006 schedule is not yet published as we go to press. Watch for the door hangers or contact Environmental Services (791-3171) closer to February for the actual week. Your stuff needs to be out by 6:00 AM on Monday of the week of the collection.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Last April BENA held our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Many thanks to the Tucson Pima County Household Hazardous Waste program for supporting this outreach effort. Thanks also to Don Coleman for the use of the Mayfield Florist parking lot on Tucson Blvd. BENA provided volunteers and the canopy that keeps the volunteers cool. Thanks also to the UA Chemistry Club for sending a couple of student volunteers. All the helpers kept the drop offs going smoothly. This year we had a goodly collection of paints, prescription medicines, non alkaline batteries, some computer equipment, motor oil, pesticides, household chemicals and even some mercury, enough hazardous waste to fill the back of the truck. This year we had 134 households participate from both BENA and the Catalina Vista neighborhood. Thank you to all who participated in keeping the hazardous materials out of our land fills. BENA will hold a Household Hazardous Waste collection again next spring, so save your stuff.

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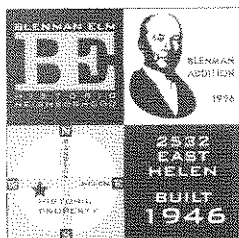
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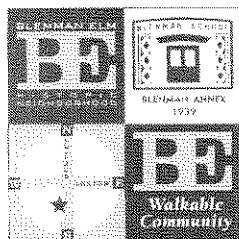
# **BLENNMAN ELM** HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD *A Walking-Friendly Community*

# Order Tiles & Benches Today

Perhaps you've noticed those snazzy looking tiles popping up around Blenman Elm lately. You can take part too, and help make our neighborhood a more walkable community by providing a tile attached to your house or front wall to provide a common identity for our neighborhood, to indicate if your house is a contributing



Sample historic tile

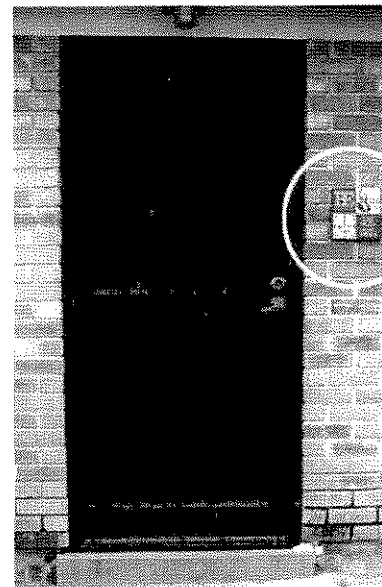


Sample non-historic tile

property to the Historic District, to educate people on the historic subdivision, and to provide an orientation map to passersby. If your house is a contributing property to our historic district, we will glaze your address, and the year your home was built. If your house is not historic, we will glaze the BE Walkable Community logo. **These will be delivered in February.**

These are 8"x8" custom-glazed ceramic tiles designed by neighborhood artist Steve Farley with the neighborhood logo, the subdivision logo, and an orientation map of the nearest cross-streets. You can affix it to your house, wall, or mailbox, or hire the tile fabricators to do the installation for you either directly on the surface, or in an iron frame. (More info on installation options will come when your tile is ready.

**Each custom tile costs only \$60.**



Tile on house

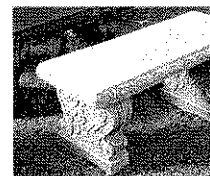
## Benches!

You can help make our neighborhood a more walkable community by providing a bench in front of your house for walkers to enjoy while sipping some water, tying shoes, or taking a little breather.

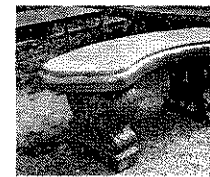
The benches will be provided by Pepe's Mexico Imports in our neighborhood on 2854 E. Grant near Treat. Joe the owner is offering us a great deal, and each bench will have the Blenman Elm logo (the "BE" shown in the upper left of this flyer) custom-carved into its seat.

The color choices are **light rose** or **brown**. You can also choose either a **rectangular** bench, or a slightly **curved** bench, in either color. The rectangular bench is approximately 41" long x 15" wide x 18" tall. The curved bench is approximately 43" long x 14" wide x 18" tall.

No matter which bench you choose, **these benches only cost \$100 each**, including tax, delivery, and installation. **Please contact Joe directly at 795-4616 to purchase and arrange delivery.**



Light rose rectan



Brown curved

## Order Form

**By December 15**, please fill out, cut out, and send **with your check** made out to **Blenman Elm Neighborhood Association., P.O. Box 42092, Tucson, AZ 85**

### **TILE ORDER:**

Please indicate how many you are ordering: Custom Tile (\$60)\_\_\_\_\_

**BENCH ORDER:** Please contact Joe of Pepe's Mexico Imports directly to arrange purchase and delivery. His phone number is 795-4616, and he is located at 2854 E. Grant near Treat.

Name

Phone

Email

Address

## Do you want to join the BENA Board of Directors?

At the Annual Meeting on November 9, we will be electing the Board of Directors for BENA for the coming year. If you would like to serve, please contact Nominating Committee Chairperson Lorna Soroko at 323-2512.

Under BENA's bylaws, the newly elected board elects its officers. The new board will meet briefly after the annual meeting for this purpose.

Those wishing to join the board are asked to commit to attending most of the board meetings. The board meets at 7:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month September to June. Exceptions are made for conflicts with UA Men's Basketball during the main season and March Madness, when the board meets on the Wednesday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. The schedule of board meetings for the coming year is not finalized, but it looks like there will be Wednesday meetings in January, February and March 2006.

Board meetings are open to all. Residents are encouraged to bring their concerns to the attention of the board.

## Delivery of Newsletters By Hand v. Mail

BENA's goal is to make sure the newsletters reach all residents. Sometimes 25 neighbors hand deliver the newsletters. Other times, we use the Dept. of Neighborhood Resources to mail to a neighborhood list. We try to update that list when there are new homes in the neighborhood. If you do not get your mail at your residence, you may not be getting the mailings from DNR unless you have a mail receptacle at your residence.

In addition, BENA mails newsletters first class to all who have paid dues in the last couple of years. This frequently results in duplication, however, this is the way to ensure that those who have paid the membership dues actually do get the newsletters.

Thank you to all the neighbors who have helped with hand delivery of the newsletters. If you would like to be on the roster of volunteers who deliver the newsletter, call Alice Roe at 795-7310.

## Join the Yahoo Blenman Elm Neighborhood Group

BENA board member Bill Davis has been moderating the Blenman Elm Neighborhood Yahoo Group. On the site are posted notices of meetings, the minutes from board meetings, items of interest to our neighborhood and links to other websites of interest.

If you are interested in joining this group, send an e-mail to Bill Davis at [baroo61@yahoo.com](mailto:baroo61@yahoo.com). Just include Blenman-Elm Group in your subject line and you will be sent an e-mail invitation to join the group. Let Bill know what other links you might like. Thank you Bill for providing this service.

*The Blenman Elm Neighborhood is the area between Campbell and Country Club, Speedway to Elm west of Tucson Blvd., Speedway to Grant east of Tucson Blvd. BENA includes residents on the north side of Elm St. and Potter Place.*

## News From Blenman Elementary School

Our school is going strong with 600 students, 14 languages and 22 countries represented. Please watch the newspapers and our marquee for a wonderful state ranking in October as our achievement continues to improve.

Blenman is very excited to bring back our Halloween Carnival on October 28 from 5:30 – 8:00. Children can dress in Halloween costumes and join us for a fun family night. We also have a monthly family health night with healthy food, family games, and book time in the library. Three teachers wrote a grant to provide the activities for Family Health night and it is the second Tuesday night of each month.

Once again we ask you to send your tax credit contributions to the Blenman children. It is a \$250 for a couple or \$200 for a single person donation and you will receive a receipt to attach to your tax return. It is a dollar for dollar tax credit that gives our students activities we could never afford. This year we have after school enrichment classes such as chorus, game day, folklorico dance, yoga and sports teams in baseball, basketball, and track. Last year we placed First in the city elementary school league in softball for the second year in a row! All this is possible because of your tax donations. Give us a call at 232-6500 if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you in November in the Blenman cafeteria!

Bobbe Woods, Principal and Neighbor

### BENA Representatives for 2004-2005

Officers: President	Ken Goodman	795-0573/884-1114
Vice President	Steve Morrison	881-8330
Treasurer	Jane Powers	326-1632
Secretary	Alice Roe	795-7310
Board Members:		
Jean Cox	Steve Farley	Lorna Soroko
Bill Davis	Miriam Pattison	Joe Stevens
Gina Emanuel	Shirley Pitts	Mary Pat Sullivan

BENA Board Meetings are usually held at 7:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Arizona Inn, September to June. Occasionally, the board meeting date and/or place is changed due to scheduling difficulties. Residents are invited to attend. You may reach your board members at BENA, P.O. Box 42092, Tucson AZ 85733.

### Want to support your neighborhood association?

Become a member! Send your 2005-06 membership dues of \$5.00 per household to Treasurer, BENA, P.O. Box 42092, Tucson AZ 85733

Name

Address

Phone

Membership dues ensure that you will receive your newsletter via first class mail.